(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JAS KAUR MEENA): (a) India has acceded to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child on 11th December, 1992.

(b) and (c) There are several constitutional provisions and legislations that confer rights on children in India. These were in place even before accession to the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Government reviews legislations and other programmes for children from time to time to fulfill their rights. Some of the recent legislations include the Constitution (86th Amendment) Act 2002 and Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act, 2000.

Urdu education in central schools

1174. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Schools which have provisions of Urdu education; State-wise; and

(b) the number of Urdu teachers engaged in these schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) There is a provision for teaching of regional languages including Urdu as the additional language in KendriyaVidyalayas if the number of students opting for such language is at least 20. A teacher is engaged on part time basis for this.

(b) Since no student has opted for learning of Urdu language in any of the Kendriya Vidyalayas therefore there are no Urdu teachers in KVS at present.

Number of children not going to school

†1175. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of children not going to school for getting

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.